

Iron County Register.

By ELI D. AKE.

IRONTON : MISSOURI.

From John Sherman's closest friend and former law partner, Henry C. Hedges, it was learned, on the 17th, that the venerable statesman is improving slowly from his recent illness, and hopes to be about soon again.

It was rumored in Trieste, on the 21st, that Mr. Harris, the American minister to Austria-Hungary, intended to invite Admiral Dewey to be his guest in Vienna and to proceed to the Tyrol, passing through Ischl to visit the emperor.

Admiral Dewey told a correspondent, who boarded the Olympia shortly after she dropped anchor at Trieste, Austria, that the northern air took him in its arms like an old friend, and that he had gained eight pounds since leaving Manila.

The chief signal officer has received the official report for the month of April, covering all the signal companies on duty in the Philippines. It shows a total of only 4.23 per cent. sick—a remarkably favorable state of affairs for any climate.

Two sharp earthquakes shocks were felt in the southern part of the state of California, on the 21st, at 4:24 p. m. The first shock lasted several seconds, and was most severe. The vibrations were from east to west. No damage worth mentioning was experienced.

It is understood in Vienna that the United States minister to Austria-Hungary, Mr. Addison C. Harris, and others connected with the American legation, as well as most of the United States consuls in Austria-Hungary, are going to Trieste to greet Admiral Dewey.

On the 17th the German ambassador, Baron Von Holleben, presented to the president, Herr Munz von Schwarzenstein, who had arrived from Germany, and who is to act as an interim ambassador during the temporary absence of the ambassador in Germany.

Post office department officials expect to ask for an appropriation from the next session of congress for automobiles to be used in collecting the mails at all first-class post offices. Recent tests in Buffalo have satisfied officials in Washington that they may be used to advantage.

Notwithstanding a rapid exchange of telegrams during the day between Senator Fairbanks, in Washington, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in Ottawa, at the close of office hours, on the 20th, no arrangement had been reached as to the postponement of the meeting of the joint high commission.

Three hundred members of the National Editorial association arrived at Winnipeg, Man., on the 21st, and were entertained by the city council and the Winnipeg press men. They visited the Brandon experimental farm, were shown over the city, and dined in the pavilion at one of the parks.

A prolonged spell of unprecedented heat, which has prevailed over the entire British Isles, reached a climax, on the 20th, when the thermometer registered 128 degrees in the sun and 87 degrees in the shade. There have been numerous cases of sunstroke, many ending fatally.

In response to the recently cabled request of Gen. Otis for 1,000 horses for use in the Philippines during the fall campaign, the quartermaster's department has already chartered three vessels capable of carrying half that number, the first of which probably will leave Seattle on August 10.

On the 17th Mr. Frank A. Vanderbilt, assistant secretary of the treasury, said: "What appears to be a conservative estimate of the amount of gold which will come out of the Klondike this summer is \$18,000,000, a large proportion of which will go through the government assay office at Seattle."

The Democratic national committee at its meeting in Chicago, on the 20th, placed ex-Gov. Stone, of Missouri, in charge of affairs during the absence of Chairman Jones. He was unanimously elected vice-chairman. New rules were adopted, giving the vice-chairman, while acting, all the authority of the chairman.

C. M. Foote, grand exalted leading knight of the grand lodge Order of Elks, died in Minneapolis, Minn., on the 16th, from heart failure, superinduced by a complication of diseases. Mr. Foote was one of the leading citizens of Minneapolis, and a few years since was a prominent candidate for postmaster. He was 50 years old.

The bureau of Ordnance has taken steps to relieve the coast forts of the country of the large accumulation of obsolete ordnance that has been piling up ever since the change in ordnance construction from cast iron to steel guns. It is worth less as junk than the cost of removing it and breaking it up.

A special from Aberdeen, S. D., on the 21st, said: "Yesterday was the hottest day known in this section of the state for many years, the government thermometer registering 106 in the shade at 3 p. m. Crops are damaged to some extent, and a conservative estimate being 15 to 20 per cent. Business was suspended."

The board of naval chiefs decided, on the 21st, to give 30 months for building the six new protected cruisers, instead of 24 months as was first contemplated. This is due to the rush of private work at all the shipyards, which made the yards indisposed to bid on the vessels until more time was given. The extension, it is said, insures active competition and lower figures.

The steamer Laurada arrived at Seattle, Wash., on the 17th, from St. Michaels, with between 200 and 400 passengers. Among them were 15 discharged soldiers from Rampart City. No big amounts of gold dust were carried on the steamer. Some claim there was a half million scattered among the passengers, while others say most of them were returning empty handed.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

On June 14 a great quantity of gunpowder exploded in a go-down of the military division at Shikoh-Vel, killing a fine specimen of the mountain lion in the Rockies near Debeque, Col., which will be mounted and sent home to adorn the executive mansion as an evidence of his skill.

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LATE NEWS ITEMS.

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Recent Deaths.

Wm. L. Saffertall, aged 76, an old settler of Saline county, near Slater, Herman H. Meyers, a prominent German citizen of Sedalia, and an old resident of Pettis county, suddenly, aged 65. He was stricken with apoplexy at the supper table, and survived only a few hours.

Roll Etter, son of C. W. Etter, at Holden. He was young and married. His wife was Miss Jackson, of Moberly.

Wm. T. Followill, a civil war veteran, at his home in Louisiana, of heart trouble, aged 60. He was second lieutenant of Co. F, Seventh Missouri volunteers, in the civil war, and was one of the heroes who ran the blockade at Vicksburg on the night of April 22, 1863, and was pilot of the flagboat Tigress when she was shot to pieces and sunk.

Clifton Thomas, at Warrensburg, of heart disease, at the age of 56. He had lived at Warrensburg 27 years. He held various positions in the legislature, last session acting as clerk of the house annual school committee. The deceased leaves a widow and five children.

W. H. Roberts, at the home of his son, W. S. Roberts, at Huntsville, aged 64. Mr. Roberts was county collector four years.

F. W. Linkelmann, a leading wholesale liquor merchant, of Nevada, of heart failure, while in Kansas.

T. A. Barnes, aged 74, a pioneer physician of Carroll county, at Norborne as the result of a paralytic stroke.

Mrs. Lucy Bowman, wife of Sam Bowman, a prominent farmer, near Knobnoster, aged 35.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lilley, aged 91, at St. Joseph. She was an invalid for half a century. A greater part of this time she was confined to her bed. She was the oldest member of the First Christian church of St. Joseph.

Col. C. N. Palmer, aged 68, at Warrensburg, of heart disease.

St. Louis National Bank.

The abstract of the condition of the national bank of St. Louis at the close of business on June 20, as reported to the comptroller of the currency, shows the average reserve to have been 23.81 per cent, against 20.92 per cent, on April 3; loans and discounts increased from \$45,913,704 to \$48,146,822; stocks and securities decreased from \$6,039,940 to \$4,809,688; gold coin increased from \$3,956,413 to \$4,585,812; total specie increased from \$5,518,075 to \$7,388,370; lawful money increased from \$11,435,595 to \$12,431,999; individual deposits increased from \$329,747,388 to \$400,322,976.

Pettis County Wheat.

Pettis county wheat has nearly all been threshed, and the grain is rapidly pouring into the elevators. Throughout the county the average yield is less than last year, but it is of better grade.

Bright Prospects in Callaway.

Most of the farmers in northern Callaway county have finished their hay harvest. The harvest is one of the largest and finest in the county for several years. One more rain will make a fine corn crop.

Thrown in Front of a Mower.

Judge George W. Payne, of the Miller county court, Second district, was thrown from his mower in a runaway. He fell in front of the cycle-bar and received serious, if not fatal, injuries.

The Corn Crop.

Corn has been making substantial progress except in southern counties, where it is said to be tasseling low and firing. It is approaching the roasting ear stage and needs rain badly.

A Young Horse Thief.

Wm. Harris, a negro boy, stole a mare and three mule colts from Ned Hancy, near Hartsville. He was arrested near Marshfield. He had disposed of the animals for \$25.

Goest to Other Fields.

Prof. J. T. Pritchett, for two years a member of the faculty at Central female college, Lexington, has been elected president of McFerrin college, Martin, Tenn.

Fines Must be Paid.

The assistant attorney general of Missouri rules that the fine against the ousted insurance companies must be paid whether within the 30 days specified or not.

Privilege of an Insolvent.

Frank Kallala, under sentence of death for killing his wife, at St. Louis, pleads the privilege of an insolvent in appealing his case to the supreme court.

Poisoned by Eating Crawfish.

George Geddes, aged 20, city editor of the Springfield Republican, died from poisoning of the stomach caused, it is said, by eating crawfish.

Strange Breach of Promise Suit.

At Kansas City Mrs. Blanche Davis has sued Rufus H. Davis, from whom she was divorced two years ago, for \$10,000 for breach of promise.

Saline's Corn Crop.

It is said that Saline county will raise the finest crop of corn in its history. The rains have been just right for the crop, but bad for wheat.

Horse-Collar Factory Burned.

The large plant of Sommers Bros., manufacturers of horse-collars and leggings, at 3443 North Broadway, St. Louis, was destroyed by fire.

An Old Schoolhouse.

A feature of the educational exercises of Rees military academy, Macon, was an exhibit of a schoolhouse erected in Missouri 50 years ago.

Bitten by a Mad Dog.

Mrs. Ernest Finlay, near Sturgeon, was bitten on the arm by a mad dog, the flesh being badly torn. A madstone was applied.

Rural Delivery in Jasper County.

A rural delivery is to be inaugurated in Jasper county August 15. The first service will cover the country around Cerithage.

The Flax Crop Good.

Flax is being cut and threshed in the southwestern district. The crop is a good one.

SECRETARYSHIP OF WAR.

One Achievement of Which the Re-Mining Secretary of War is Justly Proud.

Hon. Elihu Root, of New York, Has Accepted the War Portfolio in the Cabinet.

THE NEW SECRETARY'S ANTECEDENTS.

He is a Lawyer of Extensive Practice and Has Held Many Positions Where Wisdom and Ability Have Been Prerequisites of Successful Incumbency.

Washington, July 23.—Elihu Root, of New York, has accepted the war portfolio in President McKinley's cabinet. The telegram of acceptance was received shortly after noon, while Secretary Long was with the president. Secretary Alger had just left. The tender of the war portfolio was made to Mr. Root Friday night, after the conference at the White House.

The announcement of Mr. Root's appointment was made at the war department. It was stated that Senator Platt came to Washington, Friday evening, armed with authority from Mr. Root, to accept, in his name, the war portfolio. It is not expected that the acceptance will make any change in the plans of Secretary Alger, and he will remain on duty until the end of the present month, being assisted by Mr. McKeljohn. Secretary Alger had confidently expected the appointment of Mr. Root, and was very much pleased with the president's choice. This was evinced in the following letter, which Secretary Alger addressed to his successor:

"Washington, D. C., July 21, 1898.—My Dear Mr. Root: All I know is what the newspapers say, that you are to succeed me as secretary of war. Should it come to you I most urgently urge you to make the sacrifice and accept the position. With your knowledge of law and your excellent health, you can serve the country in a way given to few men. Sincerely yours, 'R. A. ALGER.'"

"Hon. Elihu Root, N. Y."

Elihu Root's Antecedents. New York, July 23.—Elihu Root was born February 15, 1845, at Clinton, Oneida county, N. Y. He graduated from Hamilton college, in the class of '64, and entered the New York university law school. He was admitted to the bar in 1867, since which time he has been in the active practice of his profession in this city. He was United States attorney for the southern district of New York from March, 1883, to July, 1885. He was vice-president of the Bar association of the city of New York for a number of years; vice-president of the New York Grant Monument association, at one time president of the Republican club and the president of the Union League club. He has been a trustee of Hamilton college since 1882, and has served as president of the New England society in the city of New York. He was one of the most prominent members of the last New York state constitutional convention when he served as chairman of the judiciary committee.

To Confer with the President.

Washington, July 24.—Hon. Elihu Root, who is to succeed Secretary Alger at the head of the war department, has telegraphed the president that he will be here to-day. Mr. Root desires to have a conference with the president respecting the duties of his new office, before the former leaves for Lake Champlain.

MAY BE A SERIOUS MATTER.

The Italian Charge d'Affaires Takes Cognizance of the Louisiana Quintuple Lynching.

Washington, July 23.—The lynching of five Italians in Louisiana, Friday, promises to assume an international aspect through the action of the Italian government. Count Vinchi, the Italian charge d'affaires, called at the state department at an early hour and made representations to the officials concerning the atrocity in Louisiana. In order to get full information as a basis for action by this government, Secretary Hay telegraphed the governor of Louisiana, requesting all the facts in the case. Count Vinchi's action was predicated on reports from the Italian consular officials in Louisiana, and by the press reports. There is reason to believe also that the Italian foreign office is already fully informed on the occurrence. It is probable, however, that the representations thus far made are only preliminary, with a view to calling attention to the facts reported, and pave the way to any protest or demand of reparation which may follow. The affair is considered in official Italian quarters as much like that in the Mafia cases at New Orleans, while Mr. Blaine was secretary of state, at which time the Italian minister, Baron Fava, is now in Rome on vacation, and during his absence Count Vinchi has charge of Italian affairs in this country.

Anthrax in Gotland.

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Special Leave to Appeal.

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The Joint High Commission.

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Sailing of the Tartar Delayed.

San Francisco, July 23.—The sailing of the transport Tartar has been postponed until Sunday owing to the delay in the arrival of troops from the east.

ALGER CONCEIVED THE IDEA.

One Achievement of Which the Re-Mining Secretary of War is Justly Proud.

Washington, July 24.—Secretary Alger has always felt a pardonable pride in the success with which the war department met the tremendous problem thrust upon it by the necessity with which Spain's suddenly disappearing thousands of Spanish prisoners captured in Santiago province. The history of that time has not been fully told, and it remained for Secretary Alger to supply the need by the following bit of reminiscence:

"On the night of July 9, 1898, the president asked me what in my judgment we should do with the Spanish prisoners of Santiago after their capture. The matter had received very much thought from the president and myself, but no definite conclusion had been reached. I then suggested to the president that Galveston, Tex., would be the best place in the United States, in my judgment, where we could send them; that it was away from the coast line travel; a good harbor; that there would be plenty of room for camping them, and that its climate would be as nearly similar to that of Santiago as we could probably select. This seemed to meet his approval, as it was only a question of time, of course, when their capture would be effected."

"I went to my home, as nearly as I can remember, about two o'clock in the morning, and being too tired to sleep, I lay awake for awhile, but finally dozed off. I awoke at daybreak, and my first thought was concerning the Spanish prisoners, and the new idea came into my head. 'Why not send them back to Spain?' This thought so deeply impressed me that I formulated my plan, and on the morning of July 10, instead of going to the department direct, I went to the White House and laid the new plan before the president, saying that it would be an unprecedented procedure and a most gracious act; that to transport the prisoners to Galveston would be half the distance that we should have to clothe, shelter, guard and feed them there, and no doubt have to ship them back to Spain in the end. I also stated that I believed that it would be a great inducement to the Spaniards to surrender, which Gen. Shafter afterward assured me was the effect. The president readily approved the plan, and on the same day I cabled Gen. Shafter as follows:

"War Department, July 10, 1898. 'Gen. Shafter, Playa del Este, Santiago de Cuba: 'Should the Spaniards surrender unconditionally and wish to return to Spain, they will be sent back at the expense of the United States government.'"

"'R. A. ALGER, Secretary of War.' 'Upon receiving this, on the 11th of July, Gen. Shafter sent the following communication to the commander-in-chief of the Spanish forces: 'Headquarters of the Seventh Army Corps, Camp near Santiago de Cuba, July 11, 1898: 'Sir—With the largely increased forces which have come to me, and the fact that I have your line of retreat securely in my hands, the time seems fitting that I